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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IOGA TRADE MISSION: OIL EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT

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1. WE SUSPECT THERE WOULD BE HIGH INTEREST WITHIN THE GOT
TO RECEIVING TEXAS GROUP REPRESENTATIVES, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
MAKE SURE THAT U.S. COMPANIES GET A FAIR CHANCE AT THE
MARKET OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY EXIST.

2. HOWEVER, WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY
OF A USG-SPONSORED OIL EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION
TO TURKEY AND GREECE AT THIS TIME. IN THE BERN AGREEMENT
BOTH SIDES AGREED TO SUPPORT AEGEAN NEGOTIATIONS BY REFRAINING
FROM PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS-- BY WHICH THEY MEANT ACTIVE
EXPLORATION IN DISPUTED AREAS OF THE AEGEAN. A USG-SPONSORED
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TRADE MISSION TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WOULD RISK
STIMULATING SUCH EXPLORATION.

3. IF CURRENTLY SCHEDULED GREEK-TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS YIELD
POSITIVE RESULTS, WE MIGHT WELL BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT
AN IOGA TRADE MISSION IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS. BUT AT THIS TIME,
WE BELIEVE THE RISKS OF INVOLVING THE USG IN SPONSORSHIP

OF SUCH AN EFFORT COMPEL US TO ADVISE AGAINST IOGA MISSION
AT PRESENT. AS THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE WE SUGGEST PRIVATE
VISITS BY TEXAS GROUP REPRESENTATIVES TO WHOM WE WOULD PROVIDE
NORMAL FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE.

4. ONE FURTHER DIFFICULTY SHOULD BE NOTED. TURKEY'S
ECONOMIC SITUATION IS SUCH THAT IT WILL BE UNLIKELY TO BE
ABLE TO ARRANGE FINANCING FOR ANY MAJOR PURCHASES. IF OUR
VIEW, LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF IMMEDIATE SALES. IF A USG-SPONSORED
MISSION SHOULD BECAUSE OF FINANCING PROBLEMS SELL ONLY TO
GREECE, THE TURKS WOULD BE UPSET AND WOULD SUSPECT POLITICAL
MOTIVATIONS.
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